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1. THERE FOLLOWS THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE VERSION OF THE AGREED TEXTS
FOR AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES IMPLEMENTING RECIPROCAL ONE YEAR, MULTIPLE
ENTRY/EXIT VISAS FOR US AND SOVIET CORRESPONDENTS ACCREDITED TO
EACH OTHER'S COUNTRY, AND THEIR FAMILIES:

A. EMBASSY NOTE TO MFA. QUOTE. THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND HAS THE
HONOR TO COMMUNICATE THE FOLLOWING. TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE PRO-
VISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPER-
ATION IN EUROPE THE EMBASSY INTENDS TO GRANT ONE-YEAR VISAS VALID
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FOR MULTIPLE ENTRIES AND MULTIPLE EXITS TO SOVIET CORRESPONDENTS,

PERMANENTLY ACCREDITED TO THE USA, AND MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILY, BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 1975, BASED ON THE FACT THAT AN ANALOGOUS APPROACH TO THE GRANTING OF MULTIPLE VISAS WILL BE EMPLOYED IN THE USSR WITH RESPECT TO AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS. THE EMBASSY WILL REGARD A POSITIVE REPLY FROM THE MINISTRY TO THIS NOTE AS AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES ON THIS QUESTION. EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, MOSCOW, SEPTEMBER 29, 1975. END QUOTE

B. MFA NOTE TO EMBASSY. QUOTE. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND, CONFIRMING RECEIPT OF EMBASSY NOTE NO. ----- OF SEPTEMBER 29, 1975 ON THE QUESTION OF GRANTING MULTIPLE VISAS TO SOVIET CORRESPONDENTS ON A BASIS OF RECIPROCITY HAS THE HONOR TO COMMUNICATE THE FOLLOWING. TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, THE SOVIET SIDE INTENDS, BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 1975, TO GRANT MULTIPLE ENTRY/EXIT VISAS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR TO AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT, PERMANENTLY ACCREDITED TO THE USSR, AND MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILY. THE MINISTRY WILL REGARD THE ABOVE-MENTIONED NOTE OF THE EMBASSY AND THIS NOTE AS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES ON THIS QUESTION. MOSCOW, SEPTEMBER 29, 1975. END QUOTE.

2. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TO MAKE APPROPRIATE REVISION IN APPENDIX C, VOL. 9 - VISAS, FAM, AND TO AUTHORIZE MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS VALID FOR ONE YEAR, TO SOVIET CORRESPONDENTS PERMANENTLY ACCREDITED TO THE US AND THEIR FAMILY, MEMBERS, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 1975.

3. CERTIFIED COPY OF EMBASSY NOTE AND ORIGINAL OF SOVIET NOTE TO BE POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT.
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